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REMARKS

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1. On 4 August 1953, troops and materiel entrained in Frankfurt/Oder and leaving toward Lieberose included: 18 T-34/85 tanks, 9 trucks, and several boxcarloads of troops at 3:30 p.m.; and 9 x 120-mm SP guns, several trucks, and several boxcarloads of troops at 7:35 p.m.¹

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2. At about 9 p.m. on 15 August, a shipment of at least 10 T-34/85 tanks and 8 trucks for the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse was unloaded in Fuerstenwalde from a train which had arrived from the direction of Berlin.²

3. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 16 August, 12 prime movers, 6 gun barrel trailers and 6 gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers; 3 prime movers with each one 152-mm howitzer; 2 jeeps, 1 field kitchen, 18 trucks, 4 trailers of prime movers, about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia; and a communication detail were detrained in Brandenburg-Altstadt and left for the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne.

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4. On 16 August, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied by 600 to 650 troops.³

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5. On 13 August, 3 x 203-mm howitzers, 4 full-track prime movers, 6 trucks and 80 to 100 troops, believed had come from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne, were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and left toward Altengrabow.³

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6. At about 2 p.m. on 15 August, a shipment of 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 19 trucks and 8 boxcars passed through the Satzkorn railroad station, coming from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeding toward Dallgow. At 11:30 a.m. on 18 August, 4 JS-1 tanks, 6 JSU-122 guns, 5 T-34/85 tanks, 12 x 120-mm mortars, 2 x 76-mm field guns, 3 armored scout cars, 2 armored personnel carriers, 2 armored vehicles, 4 repair shop trucks, 1 radio truck, 2 field kitchens and about 30 trucks.

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were seen on the Kramnitz-Ketzin road, en route toward Ketzin.⁴

7. On 11 August, a Soviet tent camp was seen in the woods west of the Eberswalde-Melchow railroad line.⁵

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- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. According to reports on transportation [] only one train [] presumably carrying units of the 84th Gds HV Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, went to Lieberose on 4 August. [] The tank turret [] mentioned are carried with the 57th Gds Tank Regt of the division. 25X1C
- 25X1 25X1A 2. [] Comment. The information indicates that the train [] which probably carried units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) went from Schoeneweide to the Fuerstenwalde post, rather than to Lieberose as had been assumed. [] 25X1A 25X1C
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The train [] which carried units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) and had repeatedly been confirmed, went to Altengrabow on 12 August, rather than 13 August. According to reports on transportation, the two batteries of the brigade returned on the train [] 25X1
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- 25X1 25X1A 5. [] Comment. [] observed a bivouac which possibly quartered troops of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from the Eberswalde post. In this connection, a previous assumption, according to which exercises may have been held by units of the above-mentioned division in the area south of Eberswalde from late July to about mid-August, is worth noting. [] 25X1 25X1A

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